(e) whether it is a fact that the study of profitability would reveal manipulation in figures; and

(f) by when the study report would be made available ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATI IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) No Sir.

(b) to (f) Does not arise.

ARREARS OF LAND REVENUE IN RESPECT OF DRUG COMPANIES

3047. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN : DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY :

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 397 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th April, 1993 and state :

(a) what are the reasons for which the amount due from companies other than M|s. Pfizer, Sandoz and Abbott have not been recovered as arrears of land revenue most of them have neither paid the amount nor approached the Court.

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is taking a very lenient view on the recovery of amounts and what are the details of these companies;

(c) by when his Ministry would be able to refer these cases of land revenue;

(d) since when the liabilities in respect to these companies have not been assessed and what are the names of such companies; and

(e) what action plan has been drawn to ssess these liabilities in a time bound nanner ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (e) Recovery as arrears of land revenue is the last resort, if the companies do not deposit the amount after the liability has been finally assessed. The Administrative machinery has been strengthened by sanction of additional posts to finalise the assessment of liabilities.

PRODUCERS OF SEMI-SYNTHETIC PENCILLIN

3048. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that producers of Semisynthetic Penicillin have not given data for cost study to the BICP after the promulgation of DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that notified price for these semisynthetics is exorbitant;

(c) the reasons for which his Ministry have permitted increases in prices when he producers ailed to submit data to the BICP.

(d) whether it is a fact that market prices of all these semi-synthetic penicillins is lower than the Government notified price;

(e) whether it is a fact that formulation prices which have been fixed after giving 3 percent incidentals on notified prices are otally out of tune and against the spirit of DPCO, 1987; and

(f) what steps are contemplated to review the prices of semi-synthetic penicillin and formulations based thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) While some producers have given the requisite data, other producers have not yet furnished the data to BICP.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The prices of three semi-synthetic Penicillins namely, Ampicillin Trihydrate, Ampicillin Anhydrous and Amoxicillin Trihydrate have been revised rrom time to time on the basis of available cost data with the Government on account of change in customs duty rate, change in exchange rate of duty, convertibility of Rupee, change in the ratio of imported and indigenous Penicillin-G and increase in other input costs etc. to ensure availability and to avoid shortages.

(d) The notified price in the maximum price that can be charged by the manufacturer and it does not preclude, the manufacturers from selling below the notified price.

(e) No, Sir. Such incidentals are allowed to cover the expenses incurred on Central/State Sales Tax, freight, insurance, handling charges, purchase tax, entry tax, octroi etc. wherever applicable.

(f) Does not arise.

ANOMALIES IN SALES OF DRUGS IN RESPECT OF PRINTED PRICES

3049. DR. NARREDY THULASI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several manufacturers are selling their formulations to the distributors at less than half the maximum Retail Price printed on the label;

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have not specified maximum rate of Trade Commission and have given blanket exemption to small scale;

(d) whether these anomalies are within the knowledge of his Ministry and if so, since when; and

(e) what steps have been taken to take remedial action so that prices of medicines could be brought down ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (e) In accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, maximum allowable post manufacturing expenses (MAPE) are specified for all price controlled formulations. No separate rate for trade commissions is specified as this forms part of MAPE.

INCREASE IN BULK DRUG PRICES OVERLOOKING BICP'S COST-CUM-TECHNICAL STUDY

3050. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry increased the prices of bulk drugs without the cost cum technical study by BICP under DPCO, 1987 ;